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Claims 3-9 and 11-22 are now pending in this application. Claims 12-20 have been allowed. Claims 3-9, 11, 21, and 22 are rejected. Claim 10 is objected to. Claim 10 has been canceled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer. Claims 1, 12, and 18 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

The rejection of Claims 3-9, 11, 21, and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kennedy (U.S. Patent No. 4,803,855) is respectfully traversed.

Independent Claim 3 has been amended to include the recitations of independent Claim 10, which is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but containing allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim, which is Claim 3, and any intervening claims. For the reasons set forth above, Claim 3 is submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 10 has been canceled. Claims 4-9, 11, 21, and 22 depend from independent Claim 3. When the recitations of Claims 4-9, 11, 21, and 22 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 3, Applicants submit that dependent Claims 4-9, 11, 21, and 22 likewise are patentable over Kennedy.

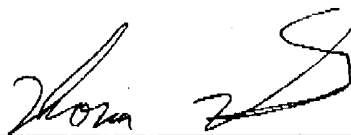
For the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully request that the Section 102 rejection of Claims 3-9, 11, 21, and 22 be withdrawn.

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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all the claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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